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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

ARGENTINA.

The republic declared free from bubonic plague.

Buenos Ayres, June 6, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that I have to-day received a communication dated yesterday from his excellency Dr. Alcorta, stating that the minister of the interior, by decree issued on the 5th instant, has declared the territory of the Argentine Republic clear of bubonic plague, a copy of which communication is hereby inclosed, together with its translation, and that immediately thereafter I sent you a cablegram as per copy.

Respectfully,

WM. P. LORD.

Hon. SECRETARY OF STATE.

[Inclosure 2 in No. 34.—Translation.]

Buenos Ayres, June 5, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to bring to your excellency's notice that, by decree issued to-day by the ministry of the interior, all the territory of the Republic has been declared clear of bubonic plague, in view of the information received from the national department of hygiene that the last case occurred on May 11 last.

I renew to your excellency the assurances of my most distinguished consideration.

A. ALCORTA.

Mr. WM. P. LORD,

Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States of America.

BELGIUM.

Report from Antwerp.

Antwerp, Belgium, June 30, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith abstract of bills of health issued at the port of Antwerp, Belgium, for the week ended June 30, 1900: Sixteen vessels cleared for ports in the United States, 14 of which carried cargo. Steamship *Nederland*, sailing for Philadelphia on the 27th instant, carried 248 emigrants; there was 1 rejection. On the 29th instant I inspected the steamship *Glenturret* bound for New York. She recently arrived in this port from Bombay, where 1 seaman had been taken off suffering from enlarged glands in the groin. The captain states that there was evidence that he was suffering from other diseases than plague which might have induced the buboes. There was 1 sailor sick at the time the ship entered at Antwerp from a disease that the captain diagnosed as beriberi, but the man has recovered and is able to perform his regular duties. The entire crew of 54 being in apparent good health, bill of health was issued stating facts as set forth above.

Respectfully,

E. K. SPRAGUE,

Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.